THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) Development and promotion of tourism in primarily the responsibility of State Governments/UTs. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance for the tourism-related projects which are identified in consultation with the State concerned. Development of Tourism infrastructure and Travel Circuits, in the North Eastern States, has been taken up under the Integrated Development of Travel Circuits, Product Infrastructure and Destination Development including Rural Tourism Projects and Large Revenue Generating Projects Schemes.

(b) Funds sanctioned and released to the North Eastern States for tourism-related projects during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	2001-02		2002-03		2003-04	
	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
Assam	397.50	195.68	768.13	618.85	313.46	313.06
Arunachal Pradesh	321.90	214.43	41.30	33.50	1044.60	700.00
Manipur	-	-	5.24	2.62	82.44	24.73
Meghalaya	87.87	36.95	70.35	113.96	40.22	186.75
Mizoram	73.25	47.83	141.16	113.96	567.70	186.75
Nagaland	41.54	36.08	360.50	348.43	711.00	220.80
Sikkim	108.83	69.43	346.24	269.76	1151.09	681.49
Tripura	114.30	64.88	215.13	78.78	450.17	135.16

Appointment of regular teacher in IITTM

†1515. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that not even a single teacher from reserved categories i.e. SC, ST and OBC has been permanently appointed in Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management under her Ministry since its inception in 1983;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of such reserved category employees which are yet to be regularised in IITTM and by when they will be regularised?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Recruitment to all the teaching posts, except one post of Professor, in the Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management (IITTM) has been made on "contract basis" The only regular incumbent to the post of Professor belongs to General category. Of the Contract teachers, one belongs to 'OBC' category. As the Recruitment has been made on contract basis, there is no proposal at present to offer regular appointment to any of the incumbents.

Tourism potential of Uttaranchal

1516. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether existing capacity assessment with regard to eco- spiritual, religious, yoga and adventurous tourism in Uttaranchal has been made and whether any long-term action-plan has been prepared on the basis of this assessment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the assistance to be provided by the Central Government for the implementation of this action-plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for infrastructural projects and development of tourist sites in the country under the restructured schemes of Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development and Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects for the 10th Plan period. Under these schemes places of tourist attraction are developed in consultation with concerned State Governments. The 20 years perspective plan on Uttaranchal has made an assessment of basic infrastructure in the State. The various projects suggested are:—

(i) Eco-spiritual religious, yoga and adventurous tourism include Glacier tourism at Pindari glacier in Bageswar district,

(ii) Health Spa in Gwaldam in Kumaon and Garhwal region,

(iii) Helicopter ride from Joshimath for view of Himalayan Ranges and Valley of Flowers,

(iv) Development of infrastructure at Auli as a Ski destination,

(v) Winter sports in Bedni Bugwal in Chamoli,